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Your online guide to the sensational world of Sega and Sonic The Comic. Hosted by Megadroid.

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#### Hey, Boomers!

Oh, um...sorry, didn't see you arrive. I've been playing my brilliant new Sega Multi-Mega. What an ace piece of kit! I like it so much I've had it grafted onto my body. Only trouble is when those lazy humes want to play a Mega Drive or Mega CD game I'm carried off to the nearest power socket and plugged in! Sigh. The perils of being such a useful droid. Okay, listen up. There's a lot to get through.

#### STICKERS PART 1

Got your free starter pack of Panini Sonic Stickers? Great. These will go in the special album you received free with the last issue of STC. To collect the rest of the set look out for the packs of Sonic Stickers available at most newsagents and shops.

#### STICKERS PART 2

If you can't get enough of stickers, have I got a treat for you. Starting next issue STC presents Sonic The Stickers, five (count 'em) sets of brand-new stickers (designed to, um, stick just about anywhere) exclusively for you Boomers. There'll be one set given away free with each issue from 36 to 40. Get those regular orders in now!

#### TAILS FLIES AGAIN

Tails starts a brand-new story in this issue - Zonerunner and The Flock. Who or what are The Flock? You'll find that out next issue, but for now enjoy a new adventure starring Britain's favourite twin-tailed fox!

#### CHAMPION NEWS

The Champs are comin' back! You heard right, The Eternal Champions, stars of game, STC strip and their own Special are limbering up for a new series beginning in STC 37. Move the furniture, roll up the carpets and stand by for action!

I hear my Multi-Mega calling, Boomers. Time for another bash at Jurassic Park (why does the T Rex remind me of STC's editor?). Pity the Multi-Mega is so pricey. Still, might be an idea to start dropping hints for Christmas now!



#### WANTED: BOOMERS FOR PRIZE EVASION!

The names on this list are wanted Boomers - wanted so that we can give them the prizes they have won fo naving letters or drawings printed in STC. For reasons best known to themselves they forgot to include their names and/or full addresses on their contributions.

#### Sonic Badge Winners

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Amanda, Marble Arch, London. Letter: STC 14. Unknown Boomer (AKA 'Doctor Robotnik'! No address). Unknown Boomer (No details).

Decap Attack picture: STC 20. Danielle Northey, Plymouth, Devon. Picture: STC 21.

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Unknown Boomer (AKA 'Dolphin Lungeroon'. No address). Letter: STC 28.

Luke Burgess, Weston-Super-Mare. Sonic football picture: STC 29. Nicola Claxton, Hants. Looney Tunes Bunny picture: STC 29. Neil Fisher, Widnes, Cheshire. Sonic fnotball picture: STC 29. Adrian Simmons, Kettering, Northants.

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If you are one of these Boomers - or know any of them - write now to:-

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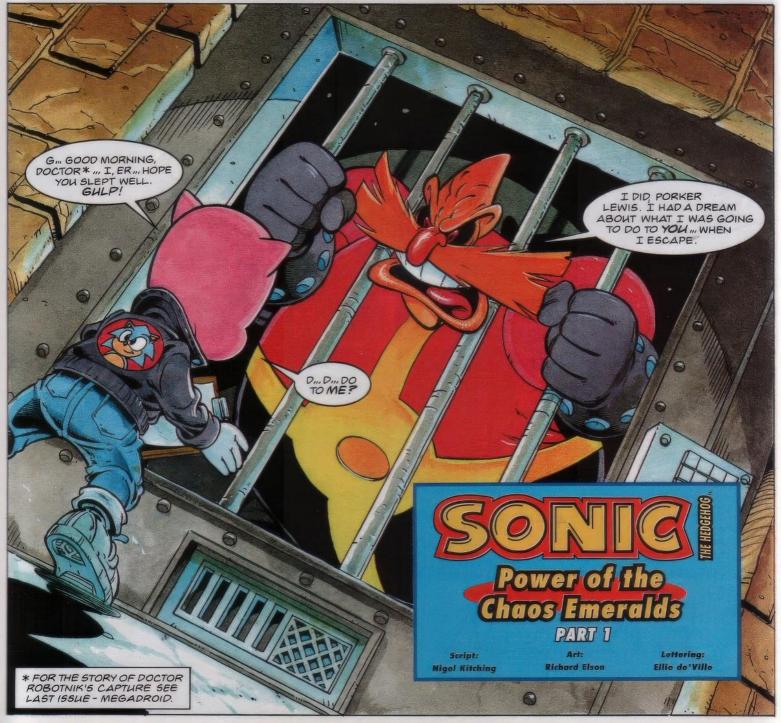
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# EVIEW



Enter the zone that brings you reviews of all the new releases for the Sega game systems. Reviewers this issue: David Gibbon & Vincent Low.

# HARDBALL



game type: SPORTS SIMULATION 1-2 PLAYERS



Master System



Game Gear

## STC Rating System

under 40% = Yawnsville

40 - 70% = Normalsville

70 - 80% = Fun City

80 - 90% = Big Time City

over 90% = Mega City

Video games publishers must all be psychic, because as soon as one publisher releases a certain type of game, you can bet another dozen will appear as if by magic. RBI Baseball was recently released and, hey presto, another one in the form of Hardball '94 appears from Accolade. For some unknown reason, Time Warner Interactive (formerly Tengen) and Accolade were under the assumption that folk in the U.K. enjoy baseball. However, in reality only a small minority of people from this side of the pond follow the game.

Like RBI Baseball, Hardball '94 features plenty of statistics and options, from playing a single exhibition match to a full blown 162game baseball season. Most of the obvious things are here from a baseball game - ie, 28 Major League ball-parks (stadiums to me and thee!), 700 real-life players (which includes their pictures) and the new 1994 realignment structure (whatever that means?).

The graphics are nicely drawn, but the animation doesn't live up to the rotoscoped players featured in RBI Baseball. The game seems to be quite competent but, unfortunately,

it falls short in the most important area - gameplay. Baseball doesn't feature much in the way of gameplay as it mainly consists of hitting a ball-with a bat, but when you get this wrong there's actually not much left. This is the main problem with Hardball '94; it is possible to hit the ball, but you don't have any control on its direction. Therefore, more often than not the ball ends up in a fielder's hands.

For those who are looking for a decent Baseball game, RBI is undoubtedly the better of the two. If Accolade had released Hardball prior to RBI I may have recommended it, but as it is, Time Warner have produced a much better baseball simulation. - DG







TAZ 2

game type: PLATFORM 1 PLAYER



### ESCAPE FROM MARS



Good old Taz is back with a vengeance! The original Taz was released over a year ago and was a great game with superb presentation, good sound and bouncy gameplay. Taz 2 is called Escape from Mars and follows closely in the steps of the

Marvin the Martian has found a book on rare Earth creatures and happens to take a liking to Taz. So he beams him up from Earth into his ship and then drops him off on various parts of Mars. Taz has to find his way through each terrain, taking out the nasties and finding the exit to fight the inevitable boss.

Each stage is littered with a mixture of aliens and tricky terrain. There are some nice touches like spinning through the ground and Taz growing to three times his already large size. As controller, you have to break through walls, spin out bouncing eyeballs and ram almost everything in sight. There are extra power-ups along the way in the form of food for your life gauge, a box of rocks to spit, and a gas canister that allows you to became a



walking flame thrower. As with the first Taz you have to avoid the bombs or they blow you up taking away precious life energy. With Taz being so large the play area nasties more often than not bump into you and you can't avoid them whilst spinning at speed.

The graphics in Taz 2: Escape From Mars are good and the sound is adequate. Unfortunately, however, the controls can be frustrating and the gameplay is very limited and offers little that is new. - VL





# THE INCREDIBLE HULK

game type: PLATFORM
1 PLAYER



The Incredible Hulk was originally an American comic-strip which was later made into a TV series in the '70s. Since you Boomers are too young to remember, here's the plot ... a scientist called Dr Bruce Banner has been exposed to a gamma-ray blast. As a result, every time he becomes angry his shirt rips open, his body turns green, and he becomes incredibly strong.



In the game you take

control of the Hulk and attempt to get through the five massive levels and defeat the Hulk's greatest enemies — Tyranus, Absorbing Man, The Abomination and The Rhino, together with their armies of baddies.

The levels in The Incredible Hulk contain rooms and hidden passages ready to explore which become more interactive as you go along. There are switches to open walls, barriers to break and other objects which can be used to your advantage. In the role of the Hulk, you even get to smash up cars, buildings and throw objects such as telephone boxes!

The gameplay matches the graphics in terms of quality. When it comes to a one-to-one battle with a baddie, it plays more like a Streetfighter 2 fight than the average platformer where all you do is press fire to kill an opponent. Difficulty levels allow the game to be set for experienced or novice players and you have a maximum of nine lives. There are certain areas which are too small for the Hulk to get through, so you have the option to revert back to Dr Banner. If however, he gets attacked, the Hulk reappears before your very eyes and this transformation features even more wonderful animation.

As well as being able to kick, punch, jump and pick things up, you can also grab, headbutt, throw or drop the baddies! When the Hulk achieves enough power you get to perform some special moves, such as stamping on the enemies head, shoulder charging at speed, and crushing the opposition into a small ball!

The Incredible Hulk is overflowing with features; the

The Incredible Hulk is overflowing with features; the amount of moves the character is able to perform, together with the great interaction and superb graphics make this the most fun, challenging, and addictive platformer of the year.

- DG





# MUTANT

Bring Me
The Head of
Coach Brikka
PART 5

SCRIPT: Steve White/ Brian Williamson

ART: Anthony Williams/ Steve White

**LETTERING: Tom Frame** 



















# NEWS Zone



Newshound: Garry Penn.

# IT'S AN URBAN JUNGLE OUT THERE

EA'S URBAN STRIKE TAKES TO THE STREETS



Rooftop action takes in a new meaning in **Urban Strike**. The only thing missing is Arnie in his Harrier jump jet!

EA's premier attack-helicopter action game series continues with the release of **Urban Strike** this month.

Following on from the highly-successful Desert Strike and Jungle Strike the new game moves the action a few years into the future (2001 to be precise) and into a new environment - the city.

As usual you command a series of highly-advanced, heavilyarmoured offensive vehicles - two choppers and a GAV (ground assault vehicle) - and have a mission to complete. In this case an evil media mogul about to unleash a huge arsenal of high-tech weaponry against the United States.

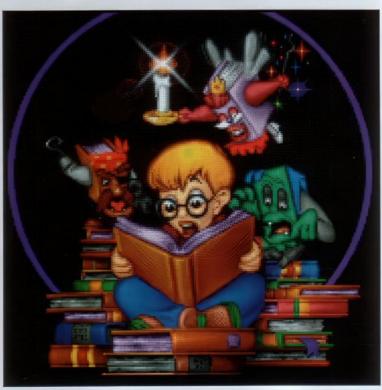
Urban Strike features 10 challenging levels, all of which feature excellent new graphics, not to mention the odd real-life landmark, such as New York's World Trade Centre and San Francisco's Alcatraz prison. Included in the 10 campaigns are 60 different sub-missions, such as rescuing drowning victims of a sinking cruise liner and defusing bombs planted on the Golden Gate Bridge.

New features packed into the game include the option to leave your vehicle and fight the enemy close-up, timed sequences, the ability to carry and drop items by winch and the use of smart bombs which cause destruction over a wide area.

Urban Strike is the biggest and most action-packed 'Strike' offering from EA yet. It's due out on the Mega Drive within a couple of weeks, priced at £44.99.

# TURN TO THE PAGEMASTER

A NEW FILM BECOMES A NEW GAME





All the animation frames for The Pagemaster were drawn by professional animators on paper then converted to the Mega Drive. This picture shows Richard Tyler before he's coloured in and shrunk to become a more 'playable' size.

Probe Software, previously responsible for converting Alien 3 and Mortal Kombat to the console formats, are bringing The Pagemaster, the new film starring wunderkind MacCaulay Caulkin, to life on the Mega Drive.

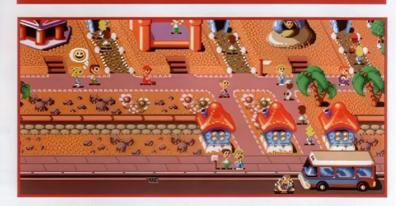
In the film, Caulkin plays
Richard Tyler, a boy who's too safe
for his own good. He's worried about
the possibility of accidents, not just
in and around the home, but around
the world (like earthquakes and
nuclear strikes). However, little does
he know that an adventure awaits in
the strange illustrated world of The
Pagemaster (played by Christopher
Lloyd, perhaps best known for his role
as Doctor Emett Brown in the Back To
The Future films).

The film mixes live action with animation, with Richard exploring



# BUILD YOUR OWN FUN

THEME PARK IS COMING TO THE MEGA DRIVE



Getting bored with all those white-knuckle rides? Fed up with losing your lunch on the roller-coaster or going round in circles on the Big Wheel? Time to get your own back with **Theme Park** from Bullfrog Productions.

Theme Park enables you to design and run your very own theme park. You get total control over every aspect of running the park from deciding which rides you want, fixing the prices, controlling the speed and the length of each ride, to controlling the amount of salt on the punters' chips and ice in their cola! There's also a strategy element in the game involving making your park profitable and ripe for later sale for serious spondooliks!

Theme Park has been causing a stir in computer versions for some time. Now Bullfrog are converting it to the Mega Drive. It will be distributed through Electronic Arts early in 1995. Sounds like fun.



three different domains - Horror, Adventure and Fantasy - and meeting famous fictional characters such as Mr Hyde, Frankenstein's Monster, Long John Silver and The Big Bad Wolf!

In the game dozens of platform-heavy levels are split into three stages, with secret areas to discover and a 3D bonus section, which sees Richard flying on a book, avoiding pillars and collecting items for points.

Richard's repertoire of movements is extensive, and at his disposal are special effects such as Magic Shoes, Eyeballs, Fairy Dust and Sticky Hands (which allow him to pull himself along ceilings). He can even pick up

Huffing and puffing with the big bad wolf!

and throw various objects to help him on his way. The soundtrack features speech taken straight from dialogue recordings made for the film.

The Pagemaster film opens in the UK on 4th December, with the Mega Drive version of the game appearing from Sega around the same time.

# **SHORT BURSTS**

#### ROUGH AND ALMOST READY

Any idea what US Gold's Rough Racer might be about? Sure, it's a racing simulation which is intended to be a little rougher than the rest. But did you guess that it features more than 50 different courses spread over eight locations around the world? You did? Well, there's no way you could know that the competition takes place day and night (with headlights used to illuminate the way) and even sometimes around icy tracks. Are you also aware that Rough Racer is released on the Mega Drive and the Game Gear at the end of this year? Well, you are now!

#### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

For those of you who may be wondering what happened to all those interesting sounding Virgin releases mentioned in STC over the past six months, here are some answers:-

- The gambling simulation Caesar's Palace for the Game Gear has been released in America but has been put on hold in the UK.
- · World II: Heart Of The Alien for the Mega-CD has

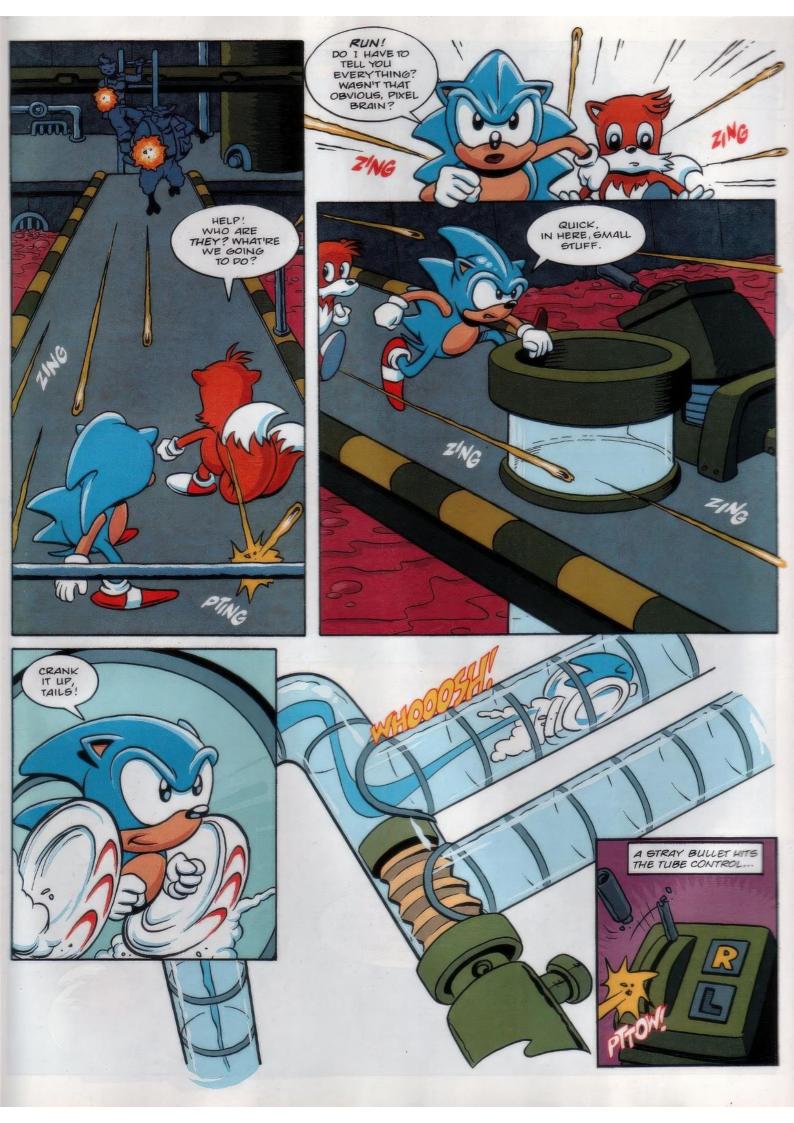
experienced a few delays but it's definitely still on the way (only a new release date has yet to be set).

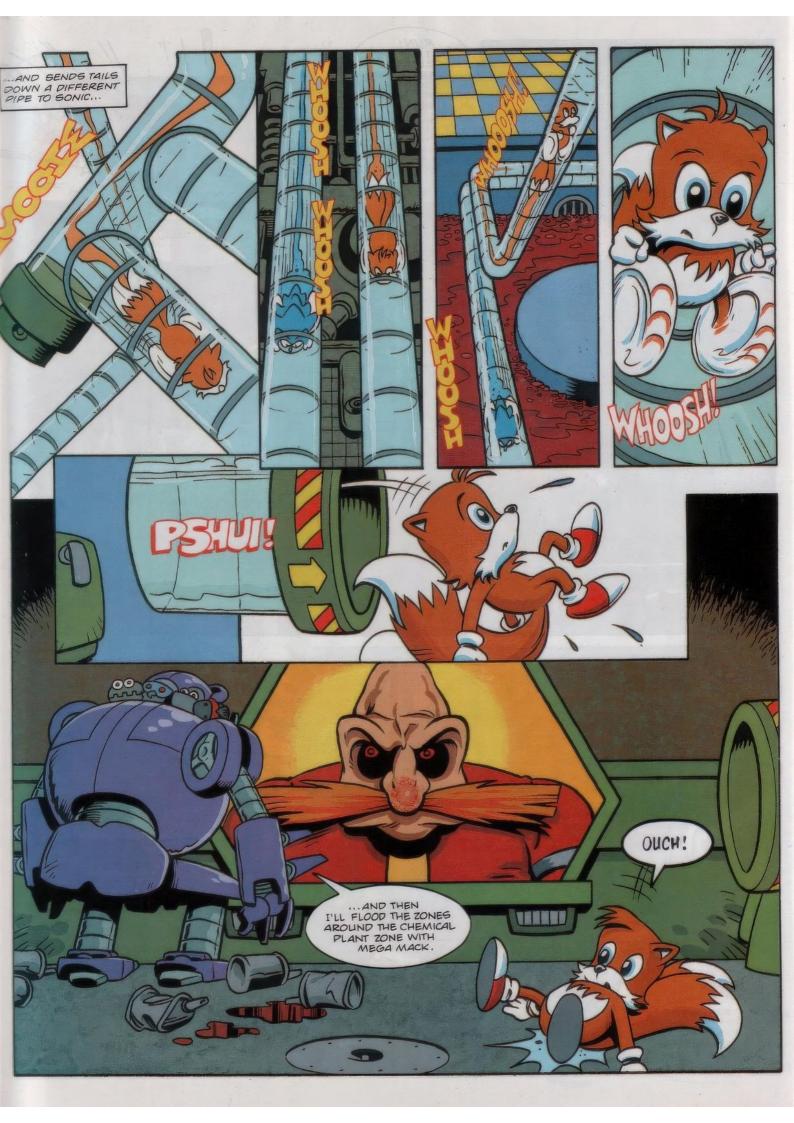
- Terminator for the Mega-CD has also been subject to a problem or two. Most notably a duplication error, but it should be available by the time you read this.
- Spot Goes To Hollywood, the third Cool Spot release to come from Virgin, still uses an isometric perspective viewpoint, but, unfortunately, it's grown too big for the standard Mega Drive and is now in development solely for the Mega Drive 32X (and, no doubt, the Saturn).
- Finally, the ruff 'n' tuff Rock 'n' Roll Racing is nearing completion for a release on the Mega Drive before the end of this year - stay tuned for more details.

### QUESTION TIME

Not that we want to worry you, but lately there's been a lot of talk in the industry of cartridge sales (for all consoles) not being as healthy as they used to be. Is it because the players are growing tired of the same old stories being dressed up in new clothes? Is it the absence of value for money? Or is the ever-nearing imminent arrival of the next generation of consoles holding everyone back? STC is interested to hear your feedback - any ideas?









# PHOTO Zone

After such a positive response to STC 34's Photo Zone, here's another Sonic Zoom Feast for all you nosey humes. Once again the following snap happy Boomers will each receive an original, classic STC badge, not seen since issue 2. Coo-ell!



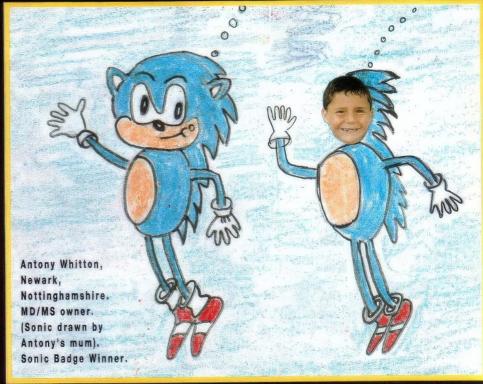
Oliver Lycett, Wolverhampton, W Midlands. MD owner. Sonic Badge Winner.



Alexander Sofras, East Molesey, Surrey. GG/MS owner. Sonic Badge Winner.







(Zone)

**Q** is for Question. **Q** is for Query. Q is for Quandary. Enter the Q Zone for hints, tips, and help with your favourite

Sega games.

This act incorporates much of the previous act's elements.

Things to look out for:-

- Ridge Bumpers.
- Large Cannon (Sonic-Shooting).
- Switch.
- Thermal Plates.
- Anti-Grav platforms.

Things to watch out for:-

- Batbots.
- Spinning platforms.
- Knuckles.



Horizontally stacked accelerators kick Sonic up to even faster speeds. The 'candy stick' columns help him on his downward and upward runs, whilst bumpers make life that bit tougher. Use

the Star Posts to get to the 'Gumball

Machine' Bonus Round where you can rack up extra lives and shields.

If Sonic lands in one of the large cannons it will throw him in almost any direction. The real dangers are the bats, exploding canisters and moving blocks that crush you .

There is a Bonus Round in this act, cunningly concealed in the left wall next to the cannon. Of the three TVs you find there, be careful of the gap in the floor beneath the middle one!

Q Zone's in-depth solution for Sonic 3 on the Mega Drive continues. Your guide, Vincent Low once again provides the low down on the latest and greatest Sonic adventure yet.



# SONIC 3



PART 2 - THE ZONES CONT'D

ACT 1

#### Things to look out for:-

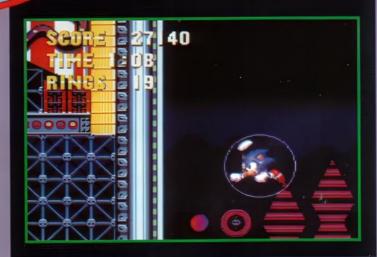
- Balloons.
- Ridge Bumpers.
- Bumpers.
- Candy Stick.
- Giant rotating mesh columns.
- Flame Carriers.
- Dropping Platform.

### Things to watch out for:-

- Batbots.
- Clamers.
- Blasters.



There are masses of bumpers to kick Sonic around, thermal columns and platforms to carry him, and even a dropping platform that you have to jump off in order to make it rise again! Bounce off balloons to reach the higher places holding hidden TVs and rings.



# ICECAP ZONE

Dig out those thermals and prepare to enter the Icecap Zone! This zone contains basically the same Items in both acts, which we'll cover in this section.

Things to look out for:-

- Spring-loaded drums.
- Swing Lifts.
- Ice Blocks.
- Spring Boards.
- Spring Drums.



Things to watch out for:-

- · Star Pointers.
- · Penguinators.
- · Springs.
- · Snow falls.
- . Ice Pillars.
- Snow Ledge.
- · Ramming Pillar.
- · Stalactites.
- · Ice Blaster.

Both acts have Sonic and Tails a-slippin' and a-slidin' around, so you'll need a steady hand on the joypad. You may get the impression that there aren't that many obstacles to overcome. However, don't be deceived as those you do find are very tricky and timing is crucial!

The Ice Blasters are fiendish, and the upward

swinging Swing Lifts which Sonic needs to get to the next platforms are awkward and require practice. Avoid them by running right and hoping for the best!

You have to learn some new timings for the spring-loaded drums but remember ... avoid those Penguinators as they keep coming back!



# LAUNCH BASE

ACTS 1 & 2

The items encountered in Launch Base are very similar to those within the lcecap Zone. However, Act 2 has more Robotnik TVs to avoid, and more TV power-ups to collect in the form of Water and Fire shields. Act 2 also has faster and longer sections to complete.

Both are seriously heavy rounds so you really have to earn those points — never mind trying to keep Sonic unharmed!

Things to look out for:-

- · Overhead Swing.
- · Rotating Gold Cups.
- · Catapult Levers.
- · Floating Platforms.
- Travelators.
- Tubes.

Things to watch out for:-

- Flybots.
- · Ribots (two types!).
- Orbinauts.
- Snail Blasters.
- Corkey.
- Overhead Lasers.
- Flame walls.
- Rotating Red Sirens.
- Rotating Magnetic Drums.





Launch Base can best be described as extremely hazardous to your health! You are faced with a heavy duty line-up of spikes, Flybot homing birds, flame throwers and ball-swinging Ribots!

Take your time and carefully evaluate all the items around you. Try to take them out, or — if your nerves can take this — jump over or run past them.

Some of the worst combos come on the huge magnetic rotating drums which have spiked orbs in the middle and under them. They are mixed with springs and flame throwers to give a dangerously painful combo. Boomers, you have been warned!



NEXT: How to beat the Bosses!









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# SPEEDLINES

Sound off to Megadroid about anything you want to do with STC, Sega or the meaning of life as we know it!

Send your letters and drawings to: Speedlines, Sonic The Comic, 25/31 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SU.

Write your name, address and Sega system you use (MD, MCD, MS or GG) clearly on your letter or drawing. Every one printed on this page wins a Segasational prize!

Megadroid regrets that drawings cannot be returned or correspondence entered into.

KNUCKLES...



Prizes to be despatched within approximately 28 days of publication. If you haven't received your prize after that time, please contact the Tomy Care Line direct on the number listed below.



Sonya, 'Talls' latest girlfriend.' Does Aimee know about this? (see 'Lonely Hearts' below). Paul Burrows, Hindhead, Surrey.

GG/MD/MS owner. Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

Bad & he sly

Dear STC.

Although I like Sonic and Tails, my favourite character has to be Doctor Robotnik.

Don't get me wrong, but there's nothing quite like a good old baddie!

Neil Hollands, Southfleet, Kent. MD owner. Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



You'd be sure to get on with the humes who think they're in charge then Neil.

## Guess What?

Dear Megadroid,

I, along with many other Boomers, thought the free tattoos in STC 22 were brilliant. The puzzling thing is what on Mobius does 'HWA' mean?

Anthony Crook, Daryhulme, Manchester. MD owner.

Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



Mmm, let's see Anthony — Horribly Wet Armpits? Huge Wide Area? Or could it be Hedgehog With Attitude?

# Lonely Hearts

Dear STC

If Tails ever wants a girlfriend then I am the one to ask as I fell in love with him at first sight! Please ask Tails to get in touch with me if he'd like to see a photo first.

Aimee Coleman, Mappenley, Nottingham. Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



First? Shouldn't you at least stick to your own species, Aimee?

### MD owner. Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

Nicky Helwea-Larsen, Amersham, Bucks.

# Sonic The Tonic

Dear STC,

Kn-Kn-Kn-Knuckles!

The worst thing about being in hospital is they don't sell STC and the food is horrible, so please send me a prize and cheer me up. I'm looking forward to seeing Knuckles in his own strip. Keep up the good work.

Jason Griffiths, Liverpool, Merseyside. Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



Then look forward to STC 39, Jason, when our mega new Knuckles strip will have you in stitches.

# get in Print + Jin a Prize!

It's truel Every letter and drawing printed on this page wins a Segesational prizel One of these fabulous **Tomy Sonic The Hedgehog Water Fun Games** can be yours. Fill it with water and pump the button to see if you can help Sonic catch all the power rings. It's challenging,

The **Sonic Water Fun Game** is just part of a range of megaticious Sonic products from Tomy which can be bought at toy shops and department stores. If you have problems finding a stockist in your area phone the Tomy Care Line on 0708 \$72267.



